

MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY VETERANS CAUCUS

TO: Chair Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk Health and Government Operations

FROM: Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership

DATE: January 31, 2023

RE: HB0408 - Mental Health Law - County Mental Health Advisory Committees -

Membership

The Maryland Veterans Caucus, House Membership respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0408 – Mental Health Law - County Mental Health Advisory Committees - Membership

This bill was sponsored by **Delegate Bagnall** for the purpose of adding veterans and active duty expertise to County mental health advisory boards which will ensure that veteran groups are actively included in future mental health planning.

The Veterans Caucus mission is to study, develop, and promote legislation designed to improve the quality of life for veterans in the State of Maryland in the areas of employment, education, economics, training, and health. And to assist the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs in achieving its mission and goals, on behalf of the veterans in the State.

The Veterans Caucus Legislative Review Board offers and <u>recommends support and a</u> favorable report of HB 0408.

Thank you,

Delegate Mike Rogers

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House Chair, Veterans Caucus